

Block 18:

Pruning and limited clearing of brush, shrubs, and trees; and minor grading using existing soils, to facilitate temporary access for soil borings. The soil borings are to be completed in an engineered, man-made pond that was created for waste water discharge during aluminum plant operations. Since the aluminum plant has closed, the ponds are no longer receiving discharge and only contain water during the spring season. The soil borings, and the associated clearing and grading to facilitate access, will only be conducted during the dry season and in areas where there is no standing water.

Four access points along the perimeter of the pond area require some degree of clearing and grading to facilitate access to the pond to perform the soil borings. The four locations were carefully selected to minimize impacts to the area:

- 1: Located within an inlet ditch to the pond, requires grading of existing material (~10x10 ft. area).
- 2: Located on the bank of the pond, requires grading of existing material (~15x15 ft. area). This location also requires some pruning of brush and small shrubs.
- 3: Located on the bank of the pond, requires grading of existing material (~35x15 ft. area).
- 4: Located on the bank of the pond, requires grading of existing material (~20x35 ft. area). This location also requires pruning and limited clearing of some shrubs and small trees (~20x40 ft. area). This area is located within a dense stand of young trees and should rebound rather quickly.